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## **"THE PEOPLE CALLED METHODISTS"**

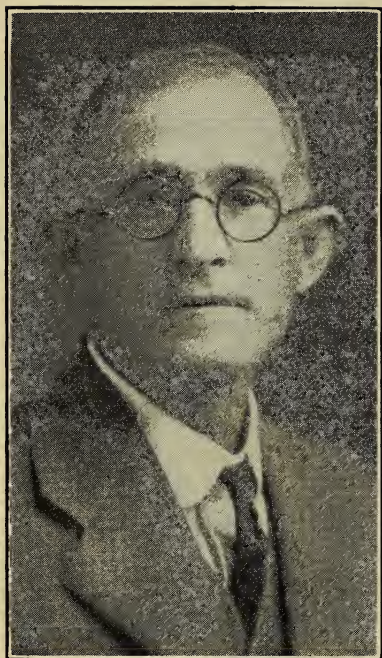
"Let us strongly and explicitly exhort all believers to go on to perfection. That we may all speak the same thing, we ask once for all, Shall we defend this perfection, or give it up? We all agree to defend it, meaning thereby (as we did from the beginning) salvation from all sin, properly so called, by the love of God and man filling our heart. Some say, 'This cannot be attained till we have been refined by the fire of purgatory.' Others, 'Nay, it will be attained as soon as the soul and the body part.' But others say, 'It may be attained before we die: a moment after is too late.' Is it so, or not? We are all agreed, we may be saved from all sin before death; that is, from all sinful tempters and desires. The substance, then, is settled. But as to the circumstances, is the change gradual or instantaneous? It is both the one and the other. 'But should we in preaching insist both on one and the other?' Certainly we should insist on the gradual change; and that earnestly and continually. And are there not reasons why we should insist on the instantaneous change? If there should be such a blessed change before death, should we not encourage all believers to expect it? And the rather, because constant experience shows the more earnestly they expect this, the more swiftly and steadily does the gradual work of God go on in their souls; the more careful are they to grow in grace; the more zealous of good works, and the more punctual in their attendance on all the ordinances of God: whereas just the contrary effects are observed whenever this expectation ceases. They are saved by hope, by this hope of a total change, with a gradually increasing salvation. Destroy this hope, and that salvation stands still, or rather decreases daily; therefore, whoever would advance the gradual change in believers should strongly insist on the instantaneous."—John Wesley, in "A Plain Account of Christian Perfection."

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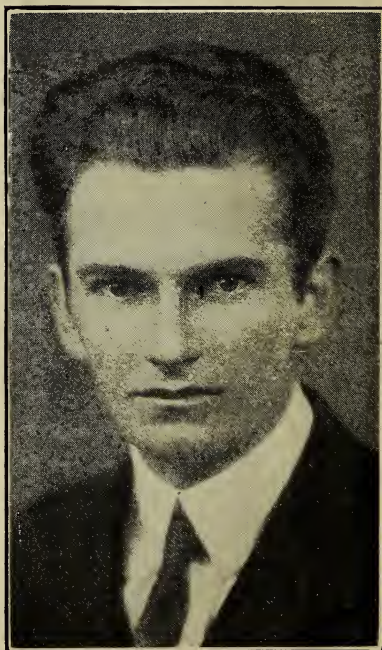


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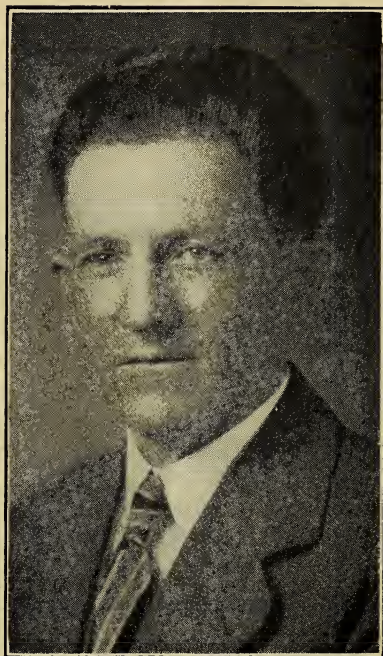


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## Our Sainted Dead

“These All Died in the Faith”

“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.”

David Allen Boddie  
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## CONFERENCE ROLL

### Ministers

Note: Figures on the left indicate year of admission into the Conference.

Year	Name	Address
1881	Platt, W. M.	Monroe, La.
1885	Fowler, W. P.	Oak Grove, La.
1897	Hearne, J. F.	Chatham, La.
1897	Brown, G. J. L.	Ball, La.
1898	Hearne, E. O.	Chatham, La.
1901	Bartlett, M. E.	Atlanta, Texas
1902	Shows, F. Lyman	Pollock, La.
1903	Reid, J. F.	Winnfield, La.
1903	Dunn, W. S.	Glenella, La.
1904	Perdue, Mary E.	Atlanta, Texas
1905	Mouser, Enoch M.	Grayson, La.
1906	Lewis, J. H.	Winnfield, La.
1907	Holt, J. A.	Atlanta, Texas
1910	Lee, J. W.	Grayson, La.
1910	Downs, J. R.	West Monroe, La.
1911	Dennard, E. A.	Gibbsland, La.
1912	Griffin, B. F.	Athens, La.
1912	Wardlow, Lula	Montgomery, La.
1912	Corley, E. W.	Jena, La.
1912	Brady, Sarah A.	Monroe, La.
1913	Riley, J. A.	Trout, La.
1916	Harris, W. W.	Fouke, Ark.
1917	Strozier, James R.	Montgomery, La.
1921	Yeager, Ira L.	Monroe, La.
1921	Stennett, J. B.	Delhi, La.
1917-1924	Williams, J. A. D.	Jefferson, Texas
1917	Strozier, John M.	Jena, La.
1915	Cantley, H. H.	Atlanta, Texas
1920	Ragsdale, W. F.	Simsboro, La.
1924	Walker, Richard M.	Chatham, La.
1921	McVey, G. A.	Ball, La.
1923	Kendrick, Bessie	Olla, La.
1904-1926	Blackburn, J. B.	Monroe, La.
1914-1925	Stewart, O. W.	Pollock, La.
1910-1927	Rockhold, G. W.	Jonesboro, La.
1898-1927	Patton, I. A.	Jonesboro, La.
1898-1927	Hearn, J. C.	Monroe, La.
1928	Waller, W. T.	Jonesboro, La.
1928	Davis, W. L.	Winnfield, La.
1928	Combs, J. H.	Linden, Texas

## UNDERGRADUATES

### Third Year

Morris Lee ----- Atlanta, Texas

### Second Year

James A. Jones ----- Pineville, La.

### First Year

C. H. Bissel ----- Bastrop, La.

J. N. Nugent ----- Winnfield, La.

L. A. Boddie ----- Tehuacana, Texas

W. G. Fussel ----- Oakdale, La.

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Rice Circuit	J. J. Crawl	Chatham, La.
Monroe Station	Mrs. Oscar Durden	Monroe, La.
Queen City Circuit	J. G. Moore	Queen City, Texas
Evergreen Circuit	J. N. Harris	Goldonna, La.
Strickland Circuit	Henry Hollinsworth	Ball, La.
Zoar	S. B. Griggs	Clarks, La.
W. Carrol Mission	J. S. Coody	Pioneer, La.
Jena Circuit	N. F. Jones	Trout, La.
Luna	S. L. Head	Monroe, La.
Grayson Circuit	J. W. McKeithen	Grayson, La.
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Spring Hill	C. N. Ates	Tioga, La.
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R. M. Walker  
J. F. Hearne

### Pastors' Reports

J. R. Strozier  
I. L. Yeager  
Miss Willie Walker

### Finance

Mrs. Lula Wardlow  
J. W. Lee  
W. H. Hearne

### Periodicals

J. H. Lewis  
W. S. Dunn  
C. A. Waller

### Temperance and Prohibition

J. R. Downs  
G. W. Rockhold  
J. G. Moore

### Missions

E. M. Mouser  
E. A. Dennard  
Mrs. I. D. Cathey

### Education

J. B. Blackburn  
J. M. Strozier  
F. G. Wardlow

### Official Character

B. F. Griffin  
J. A. Riley  
M. P. Pruitt

### Thanks

F. G. Wardlow  
C. E. Thompson  
S. L. Head

### Divine Worship

E. W. Corley  
N. F. Jones  
J. W. McKeithen

### By-Laws and Rules of Order

F. L. Shows  
J. F. Lolly  
L. J. Overstreet

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

NAME	CHARGE	ADDRESS
J. W. McKeithen	Grayson	Grayson, La.
T. Dunn	Grayson	Kelly, La.
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W. C. Henry	Heflin	Heflin, La.
Mrs. Dees	Jonesboro	Jonesboro, La.
C. N. Ates	Jena	Jena, La.
J. M. Taylor	Jena	Jena, La., R. F. D.
Luther Lewis	Jena	Winnfield, La., R. F. D.
S. L. Head	Luna	West Monroe, La., Star Route
Mrs. Ruby Thompson	Mt. Pleasant	Chatham, La., R. F. D.
J. F. Reid	Lewis	Winnfield, La.
B. J. Mays	Ansley	Ansley, La.
T. J. Head	West Carrol	Pioneer, La.
Otis Shackelford	Evergreen	Jonesboro, La., R. F. D.
Ben Branch	Concord (Roberts)	Mn Fouke, Ark.
O. L. Montgomery	Strickland	Ball, La.
Rex Squires	Strickland	Pollock, La., R. F. D.
Allan Jenkins	Strickland	Barron, La.
Miss M. J. O'Neal	Strickland	Pineville, La.
H. A. Jeffcotes	Sunrise	Bastrop, La.
Herbert Luther	Hicks	Montgomery, La.
M. B. Smith	Pollock	Pollock, La.



Mr. Jacobs	Oil City	Oil City, La.
G. B. Haynes	Monroe	Monroe, La.
Mr. Ayre	Bentley	Bentley, La.
T. L. Cowser	Acadia	Athens, La.
J. G. Smith	Dodson	Dodson, La.
J. E. Watson	Pollock	Dry Prong, La.
C. E. Hearne	Chatham	Chatham, La.
T. Iorn	Mt. Nebo	Downsville, La.
Charles McCartney	Urania	Urania, La.

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NAME	CHARGE	ADDRESS
Mrs. Chas. McCartney	Urania	Urania, La.
Otis Head	Chatham	Chatham, La.
Homer Crawford	Mt. Nebo	Downsville, La.
Elah Shows	Pollock	Pollock, La.
H. A. Jeffcotes	Sunrise	Bastrop, La.
Mrs. Oscar Durden	Monroe	Monroe, La., Route "N"
O. L. Montgomery	Strickland	Ball, La.
Mrs. T. O. Hart	Bentley	Bentley, La.
Johnny Bishop	Hicks	Montgomery, La.
Floyd Johnston	Grayson	Grayson, La.
Mrs. Ewal Meredith	Grayson	Kelly, La.
Nova Head	West Carrol	Pioneer, La.

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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### Thursday Morning

The Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened in its 82nd Session at Jena, Louisiana, 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday, November 1, 1928. After Song Service the President, E. O. Hearn, took charge of the Devotions. He read the third chapter of Colossians and then the Conference knelt in prayer while he offered up a fervent petition to the throne of grace.

The Conference was declared open and ready for business.

The ministerial roll was called, also the roll of our Sainted Dead.

The Committee on Delegates' Credentials made a partial report.

It was voted in open Conference to seat the several delegates who had just arrived.

On motion, Brother Harris was seated as delegate from Evergreen Circuit.

Brother Flowers, a prominent attorney and mayor of the Town of Jena, was introduced to the Conference by Brother Corley, pastor of Jena Church. He gave the welcome address in a gracious and eloquent manner and formally turned the Keys of the City over to the Conference.

The President called upon our Rev. Sister Lula Wardlow (who is also mayor of the town of Montgomery) to give the response. She did so with a like gracious and acceptable manner, with a few appropriate words and happy phrases.

Father Flowers (father of the Mayor), Brother Roark of the Free Methodist Church; Brother Smith, Pastor of the Jena Baptist Church; Brother Bamburg, Pastor of the Trout M. E. Church, were introduced to the Conference.

The Committee on Credentials made a supplementary report, which was adopted.

The Conference Bar was fixed to include seats to the fourth window on either side of the building.

An additional report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted.

Motion was made to adjourn for the 11 o'clock service, to reconvene at 1:30 p. m.

Benediction by Brother R. M. Walker.

### Thursday Afternoon

After Devotions, led by Brother R. M. Walker, Conference was called to order.

Roll call of Ministers. Roll call of Delegates.

Dr. F. W. Stephenson, one of our General Secretaries, was introduced to the Conference. He spoke briefly at this time, bringing to this body the greetings from our new President and other general officers and from the other Annual Conferences which he had just visited.

The President called Brother J. A. Riley to the chair and read his Annual Report.

On motion, President's Report was adopted.

Brother Davis, an ordained minister, coming to us from the Baptist Church, was introduced by Brother Reid. On motion, his name was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

A letter from Sister Perdue, who was unable to attend the Conference because of serious sickness, was read.

A letter-report from Sister Bartlett was read, in which she gave her testimony and reported having lost her only son recently by death.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to write letters of sympathy and consolation to Sister Perdue and Sister Bartlett.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made their report, which was adopted.

J. F. Reid read his report, which was adopted.

H. H. Cantly gave his verbal report, which was accepted.

G. W. Rockhold gave his verbal report, which was accepted.

On motion, Sister Bartlett was granted duplicate Credentials.

The regular hour for the Election of Officers having arrived, the Conference proceeded into the Election.

The Chair appointed E. M. Mouser, J. H. Lewis, and Mrs. Bessie Kendrick as tellers.

For President, E. O. Hearn was elected on the first ballot.

For Secretary, O. W. Stewart was elected on the second ballot.

For Treasurer, F. L. Shows was elected; the President being instructed, by motion, to cast the ballot.

For Statistical Secretary, F. L. Shows was elected; the President being instructed, by motion, to cast the ballot.

At the suggestion of Brother J. W. McKeithen, the same Standing District Committee was re-elected, dropping his own name, which would bring the Committee down to the legal number of five.

On motion, the same Board of Church Extension was elected for another year.

For the Conference, J. R. Strozier, E. W. Corley, and I. L. Yeager were elected on the Board of Young People's Work.

I. L. Yeager was elected on the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders for 1931.

Brother Gibbs, representing Lawrence Little of the Board of Education, was introduced to the Conference. He brought personal greetings from Brother Little, also from the Fort Smith-Oklahoma Conference which he had just visited. On motion, Friday evening was set apart for a young People's Service, at which time Brother Gibbs, together with the general work of the Young People's Work, would be granted a suitable hearing.

On motion, Conference adjourned to reconvene Friday morning at 8:30.

Benediction.

### **Friday Morning**

Devotions were conducted by E. A. Dennard.

Conference was called to order and the roll was called.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were read and approved.

The Secretary read the list of Appointive Committees.

Pastors were urged to include in their reports the names and addresses of all Sunday School Superintendents and Presidents of Christian Endeavor Societies.

Dr. Stephenson addressed the Conference in an enthusiastic and interesting way. He spoke briefly of some of our General Conference Officers by way of introducing them, and gave a concise report of the proceedings and spirit of the Centennial Conference and Celebration at Baltimore, outlining the plans and programs of the New Century Service. He presented the two General Conference Overtures, which were promptly adopted by this Annual Conference.

According to Dr. Straughn's request, a New Century Service Commission was elected for the Louisiana Conference as follows: Rev. E. O. Hearn, chairman; Rev. F. Lyman Shows, Rev. E. M. Mouser, Mr. F. G. Wardlow, Miss M. Stewart, Mr. J. W. McKeithen.

Dr. G. O. McMillan, President of Westminster College and also President of the Texas Annual Conference, was introduced to the Conference. He was invited to speak to the Conference at 9:30 o'clock. At the suggestion of Brother Gibbs, he was also invited to give an address at the evening Young People's service.

Motion was made to adjourn, to reconvene at 1:30 p. m.

Benediction by Brother Yeager.



### Friday Afternoon

Conference was led in Devotions by J. R. Strozier.

On motion, roll call was dispensed with.

The Committee on Temperance and Prohibition made their report, which was adopted.

J. A. Riley made his verbal report, which was accepted.

Brother Riley was granted Evangelistic relationship for the ensuing year.

J. F. Reid was granted Evangelistic relationship for the ensuing year.

J. H. Lewis made a verbal report of his relationship and activities for the year, making special reference to the Black River Mission and our prospects in that mission field.

Brother Platt spoke briefly of the history of our church in the Louisiana territory and told of his own experience in early mission work.

Dr. Stephenson made an earnest appeal for the sale of the Memorial Volumes of the Centennial Conference and the General Conference Journals. There was an immediate response and practically all on hand were disposed of.

Aunt Jane McKeithen, spoken of as "The Mother of the Holiness Movement" in this part of the country, gave her testimony and early religious experience, with a kindly and motherly exhortation for this Conference to again take God at His word and with faith enter into new fields and new experiences.

The Committee on Periodicals made their report, which was adopted.

A resolution was read, signed by the Board of Young People's Work. This resolution was adopted.

A letter of greetings to this Conference from our Brother J. G. Smith, of Dodson, was read and was highly appreciated.

E. A. Dennard made his verbal report, which was accepted.

J. W. Lee brought up the question of reviving the Preachers' Mutual Benevolent Association. This was followed by a general discussion, and it was determined to take definite steps toward reorganization.

Motion was made to adjourn, to reconvene Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Benediction by Brother Ragsdale.

### Saturday Morning

Conference was led in Devotions by Brother Riley.

On motion, roll call was dispensed with.

The Minutes of the preceding session were read and adopted.

Motion prevailed to give Dr. McMillan the 11 o'clock hour instead of 9:30.

Brother Gibbs, having to make his departure, spoke briefly, expressing his pleasure in having been here and expressing his appreciation generally. On motion, he was instructed to bear the greetings of this Conference to Brother Little and also fraternal messages to the other Annual Conferences he should visit.

The Committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Education made their report, which was adopted.

The President spoke with reference to Brother Edmundson and the Morehouse Mission. Brother Reid, Brother Downs and others spoke of the needs and our opportunity in this important field.

On motion, the Conference selected 2:30 in the afternoon session for the hour in which to hear invitations for entertaining the Conference next year.

On motion, Conference went into recess until the afternoon session.

Benediction by Brother Platt.

### Saturday Afternoon

Conference was led in Devotions by Brother Cantley.

Conference was called to order and minutes of the preceding session read and approved.

Upon suggestion, the ministerial roll was called and corrected, and the condition and disposition of absent preachers inquired into.

Motion was made to commission Brother Downs and Brother Head to correspond with, or see personally, Brother Stennet, and ascertain his circumstance and his intentions as to connection with the Conference.

The Committee on Pastors' Reports made their report, which was adopted. Much discussion followed, and it was commonly agreed that the balance due on the President's salary ought to be raised by those several charges which were in arrears.

An offering was taken for the President at this time, and the congregation responded heartily and liberally.

Dr. McMillan gave the Conference a parting word, which was appreciated, and in return he was given a rising vote

of thanks. It may be inserted here that, following Dr. Mc-Millan's address at the 11 o'clock hour, the Conference and congregation rose up in response to his appeal and raised in cash and pledges more than enough to take care of a \$100.00 note against the Tehaucana School.

The Committee on Missions made their report, which was adopted.

The Committee on By-laws and Rules of Order made their report, which was adopted.

The appointed hour having arrived, the Conference heard invitations from various churches. Courtland, Grayson, Mt. Zion, and Jonesboro were voted on, Grayson receiving the majority of votes.

On motion, the date of next Conference was fixed for 10 o'clock Saturday morning before the third Sunday in October.

Invitations were heard for the Young People's Summer Conference, and Mt. Zion was decided upon.

Sister L. M. Paul, honorary member of Conference, made her verbal report, and a rising vote of acceptance and appreciation and love was given her.

Sister Lula Wardlow gave her verbal report, also giving a brief and highly interesting account of her trip to Europe, the Mediterranean, and Palestine. Her report was adopted.

Conference Treasurer made his report, which was adopted.

On motion, the amount of Church Extension funds used for General Conference Delegates expenses was formally donated.

A resolution with regard to the sale of the Winnfield property was read. The Conference took no action on same.

The President of the Woman's Missionary Society gave the report of that organization, which was adopted.

Motion was made to adjourn, to reconvene after the evening services.

Benediction.

### Saturday Night

After evening services, on the return of the Stationing and Boundary Committee, the Conference was called to order and resumed business.

The report of the Committee on Thanks, which report had been read during the services just preceding, was adopted.

Brother Downs gave an extensive and interesting report of his work as Rescue Missionary and Financial Agent of the Home of the Good Samaritan. His report was adopted, and he was granted the same appointment for the ensuing

year. Brother J. B. Blackburn added a word of appreciation and endorsement of Brother Downs and the Home of the Good Samaritan.

The report of the Board of Church Extension was read and adopted.

An additional report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, having reference to the reception of Brother Combs from the Baptist Church, was submitted and adopted.

Brother Morris Lee came before the Conference, expressing his desire to be used among the churches of the district in Young People's Work and instruction in religious music.

Brother Reid spoke to the Conference with regard to our church in Colfax.

On motion, the original officers of the Preachers' Mutual Benevolent Association were re-elected.

On motion, the interest of the funds of this organization was donated toward a permanent Superannuate Endowment.

The Stationing and Boundary Committee read out the assignments for the year. As the names and appointments were read, each preacher answered in the affirmative, there being no appeals. The report of the committee was formally adopted.

On motion, it was decided to have the President's and the Secretary's photographs placed in the Conference Journals.

There being no further business, the President declared the Conference over and ready for adjournment.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

Closing prayer and benediction by the President.

(Signed) E. O. HEARNE, President.

O. W. STEWART, Secretary.

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## CONFERENCE DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

The quiet devotionals which preceded each session of the Conference prepared mind and heart for the hours of exacting, yet enjoyable, church business. Each leader, with the Scripture and message, seemed chosen of the Spirit for the occasion.

The preaching services at 11 o'clock each day, and the evening at 7 o'clock, were soul-refreshing times. Our visiting brethren, Stephenson, McMillan and Gibbs; and Shows, Mouser, Dennard, Wardlow and others of our own preachers occupied the pulpit. The saints rejoiced at the familiar and beloved sound of the Gospel, and their hearts and voices responded in gratitude and praise to God for such a salva-



tion!

The climax was reached, it seems, in the Sunday morning service. While the business of the Conference had closed Saturday night, many of the members and visitors were prevailed upon to remain over Sunday. They were fully repaid. Sister Wardlow, recently returned from the Holy Land, gave us a highly spiritualized account of her visit from one sacred spot to another and led us in the spirit along the footprints of Jesus. It was a blessed service and at 2 o'clock we were loath to come down from this holy mount.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Greetings:

It is with a heart filled with gratitude to God that we meet and greet you in this the 82nd session of our Annual Conference. We have met to report work done and to formulate plans whereby we may continue the great work He has assigned us to. Seeing the evils of today and knowing, too, that the enemy of righteousness is contesting every foot of the battlefield, it behooves us as Christians and as a church to seek more power that we may be more efficient workers in His vineyard and more valiant soldiers of Christ. May we, then, proceed with the business of this Conference with an eye single to God's glory. May our chief desire and the uppermost thought in our minds be the advancement of His kingdom on this earth.

General duties:

I began my itinerary of the churches on Sunday after the adjournment of last Conference and endeavored to discharge my duty to the best of my ability throughout the year. I have visited every church in the Conference once, except four, and a majority of them twice. I tried to visit the four churches I missed, but failed because of unavoidable circumstances. I could and would have reached all the classes twice if I could have arranged dates to suit the people.

I attended the General Conference in May and am glad to say to this Conference that, with the many talented men and women in our ranks, and with our institutions for Christian education, our Young People's Work, Missions, both home and foreign, Old People's Home and Children's Home, we should rejoice to know that we are a member of the great body that is doing so much to help humanity.

Officials acts:

November 7, I appointed Rev. J. C. Hearne pastor of Ansley Church.

November 10, I gave Rev. S. N. Adams a transfer to the Arkansas Conference.

In December I appointed Rev. I. A. Patton pastor of Oil City.

In December I appointed Rev. J. A. D. Williams pastor of Boyten Lane.

In January I appointed Rev. W. W. Harris pastor of Knights Bluff.

In April I released Rev. J. W. Lee from Bentley and appointed Rev. F. L. Shows pastor.

In May I released Rev. J. R. Downs from Sunrise charge.

In July I appointed Rev. Morris Lee pastor of Roberts Mission.

Losses, buildings and improvements:

The 19th of November the parsonage on Acadia charge was destroyed by fire, but was soon replaced by a substantial new building.

Courtland and Knights Bluff churches on the Queen City charge have made repairs to the amount of five or six hundred dollars.

Urania has recently erected a new church building.

Mt. Zion has built a new parsonage.

Repairs have been made on the Jena church to the extent of \$200.

There have been some minor repairs and improvements at other places.

Present status and future outlook:

There have been quite a number of revivals during the year and a goodly number of additions to the church.

The spiritual condition is fairly good, but we should pray and work for greater spiritual uplift.

The financial condition is rather discouraging, but the shortage is mostly due to sorry crops.

Recommendations:

1st. That where practical, the churches composing the various charges be located sufficiently near each other that the official members can attend the Quarterly Conferences.

2nd. That pastors see that the Lords Supper be administered as the discipline requires.

3rd. That the pastor see that the parents on his or her charge are given the opportunity of having their infants baptized.

Conclusion:

I conclude by saying that I have tried to be fair and impartial in all my dealings with pastors and laymen. I thank this body and the membership at large for the co-operation and fellowship I have had.

I trust that when our work is done here, we shall be gathered around the throne of God to part no more.

May the blessings of God rest upon you all.

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. HEARN.

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### Itinerancy and Orders

We, your Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, recommend:

First, that H. E. LaCroix, having come properly recommended by his Quarterly Conference, be given probationary relationship to this Conference; and we also recommend him to the Board of Ministerial Education for help in attending school at Westminster College.

Second, we recommend that Jas. A. Jones be passed to the Second Year Course of Study and be given license to administer the Ordinances, provided he is given work.

Third, we recommend that Rev. W. L. Davis, coming to us from the Baptist Church with proper credentials, be received into full membership with this Conference.

Fourth, Rev. W. T. Waller, having presented his credentials from the Nazarene Church as an Ordained Elder, we recommend that he be given the same relationship to this Conference.

Fifth, we recommend that R. H. Hearn, Falcon L. Hearn, and Mrs. Ola Ramsay be given probationary relationship to this Conference, and that they be placed in the First Year's Course of Study, and in case they be given pastorates, that license be granted them to administer the Ordinances.

Sixth, we recommend that Morris Lee, having passed a satisfactory examination, be passed to the Third Year's Course of Study, and that he be granted license to administer the Ordinances, provided he is given

pastoral work.

Seventh, we recommend that L. A. Boddie be retained in the First Year's Course. Brother Boddie is in school and reports from him are favorable. We also recommend that C. H. Bissel, J. N. Nugent and W. G. Fussel be retained in the First Year's Course.

Eighth, we recommend that Bro. J. H. Combs, an ordained minister of the Baptist Church, be received into full membership with this Conference.

We recommend that no applicant shall be examined or received unless they meet the committee the day previous to the sitting of Conference, as provided in the by-laws.

Respectfully submitted,

F. LYMAN SHOWS,  
LULA WARDLOW,  
IRA L. YEAGER.

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### BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER

The Committee on By-Laws and Rules of Order recommend that Section 2 of Rules of Order be stricken out and the following substituted:

During the morning of the second day of Conference all ministers and preachers under appointment of this Conference shall hand their reports to the Committee on Pastors' Reports.

F. LYMAN SHOWS,  
J. F. LOLLY,  
L. J. OVERSTREET.

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### PASTORS' REPORTS

We, your Committee on Pastors' Reports, have examined and corrected reports to the best of our knowledge.

We find in church membership a net increase of 179 this Conference year.

There have been 157 baptisms and 495 professions.

The President's salary, being fixed at \$1250.00 by the Annual Conference, same to be paid quarterly. On examining pastors' reports, we find that the President has received \$856.37. These figures reveal that we are in arrears \$393.63.

We, your committee, suggest that this balance be paid. Also that the pastors put forth a greater effort to pay in full the President's salary.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. STROZIER,  
WILLIE WALKER,  
IRA L. YEAGER.

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### FINANCE

We the Committee on Finance, recommend that the President's salary be fixed at \$1200.00, and the same apportioned to the several charges according to their ability.

We cheerfully accept the New Century Service apportionment of \$5000.00, and earnestly urge our pastors and people to put forth every effort to raise the amount assessed. By observing Rally Day, Christian Education Day, Easter Service and Children's Day, we can do much toward meeting this obligation to the Denominational Program.

We also recommend that the New Century Service for the Annual



Conference Funds be fixed at \$1200.00 and be apportioned to the several charges in accordance with their ability to pay.

We recommend that 30 per cent. (of the Annual Conference Funds) go to the Church Extension Board, 20 per cent. for Conference Journals, 20 per cent. to the Conference Secretary, 20 per cent. to the Superannuate Fund, and 10 per cent. to the Conference Treasurer.

We also recommend that the amount of \$500.00 be apportioned to the several charges for Westminster College at Tehuacana, Texas. This to be collected as the other assessments are.

The apportionments will appear in separate columns in the Conference Journals.

Therefore, we recommend that the Secretary get them on the press as soon as possible, in order that there be no delay in beginning the program of raising said apportionments.

Respectfully submitted,

LULA WARDLOW,  
J. W. LEE,  
W. H. HEARNE.

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### EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, submit this our report:

The present is the most progressive age of the world's history. Therefore, it is obligatory upon us as individuals, and as a church, to avail ourselves of every reasonable opportunity for improvement, on educational as well as on all other lines.

As a church, we are no exception to the rule: that, to meet the responsibilities for the work the Lord has placed upon us, we need all the preparation reasonably accessible.

Therefore, be it resolved that we go on record

First, as favoring a spirit-filled ministry and people.

Second, as favoring an educated ministry and citizenship.

To this end, we endorse the work of all Protestant institutions of learning, and especially of our own denomination, as far as they are in keeping with the fundamental doctrines of the Methodist Protestant Church, observing the injunction of the apostle, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

And we further recommend that our people patronize our own institutions of learning, and we especially recommend that our people of the Louisiana District patronize our college at Tehuacana, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. BLACKBURN,  
JOHN M. STROZIER,  
F. G. WARDLOW.

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### PERIODICALS

We your Committee on Periodicals, submit this our report:

Whereas, the Bible is the Key of Knowledge, the Book of Books, the only rule of Faith and Practice of both Law and Gospel, governing both Heaven and Earth; and,

Whereas, Our Savior, Jesus Christ, commanded us to search the Scriptures;

Therefore, we urge our people everywhere that we study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

We urge our preachers, and especially our pastors, take at least one



of our own church organs and urge their people to do the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LEWIS,  
W. T. WALLER,  
W. S. DUNN.

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### MISSIONS

We your Committee on Missions, submit the following report.

The last General Conference, having merged all Mission Boards into one, we wish to go on record as approving this merger and pledge our hearty support to same.

We wish also to encourage greater activity on the part of our Conference in supporting the entire program of Missions, looking forward to the enlargement of our borders in the home field, and doing much more than ever for the fields across the seas, not forgetting the Commandment of our Lord; remembering that millions over there are hungry for a Hope of Everlasting Life. And may we request of the membership of all of our churches throughout the State, to not only give of our means to Missions, but to pray often for our sacrificing workers everywhere.

We recommend that without fail we all adopt the systematic and Bible plan of giving our money into the treasury of the Lord, and that we look forward to a plan by which we may support more laborers in our own Conference for the purpose of establishing churches throughout the bounds of our district.

We recommend that each pastor give some time to neglected territory near his charge, with the purpose of establishing more churches.

We wish to encourage our pastors to assist our Woman's Missionary Branch in getting organized at all churches where such organization has not been perfected, and that we carry into effect the new program as outlined by the General Conference. We invite the Woman's Missionary Branch to use a page in our Journal.

Last, we recommend that all pastors and preachers often remind the people of the duty they owe to Christ and to the world, in the salvation of mankind.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. MOUSER,  
E. A. DENNARD,  
MRS. I. D. CATHEY.

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### TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

We, your Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, submit the following:

Realizing the deplorable effects of intemperance on those who indulge therein, and believing that we are our brother's keeper, be it resolved,

That we, as a church, do all that we can to help the officers of our land to enforce the law against "moonshine whiskey" and "home brew."

And be it further resolved, That we endorse the Eighteenth Amendment and request all our members to vote as they pray, regardless of party affiliation.

We recommend that we do all we can to check the growing evil of cigarette smoking among our young people, the girls as well as the boys, saving them from sapping their young lives of the vitality and

usefulness that God intended that they should have.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. DOWNS,  
J. G. MOORE.  
G. W. ROCKHOLD,

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### BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

#### Report of Treasurer

On hand at beginning	\$219.27
Received from Chatham church	75.00
Received from sale of house	25.00
Received from Conference claims	117.00

Total \$436.74

J. W. LEE, Secretary-Treasurer.

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### REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER

Total collected	\$783.16
General Conference	391.54
Board of church extension	117.47
Conference secretary	78.32
Conference minutes	78.32
Superannuates	78.32
Conference treasurer	39.15
Paid on Gratitude Gift	335.00

F. LYMAN SHOWS, Treasurer.

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### HOME OF GOOD SAMARITAN

To the Eighty-second Session of the Louisiana Conference:

Brethren:

Another year the Lord has blessed us in this great work and enabled us to reach the lost and friendless. We have cared for 33 young girls and mothers and cared for 25 babies. We have collected and disbursed about \$2600.00. To God be all the glory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. DOWNS, Rescue Missionary.

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### APPOINTMENTS—LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PASTOR	ADDRESS
Ansley	E. M. Mouser	Grayson, La.
Ansley		
West Carol Mission		
Antioch	I. A. Patton	(Supply) Jonesboro, La.
Arcadia	B. F. Griffin	Athens, La.
Bethlehem		
Cross Roads		
Liberty Valley		
Springhill		
Bentley	Jas. A. Jones	Pineville, La., R. F. D.
Bentley		
Bentley		
Colfax		
Chatham	T. A. Dennard	Gibbsland, La.

Chatham	-----	
Concord	-----	
Dodson	-----	I. A. Patton-----Jonesboro, La.
Dodson	-----	
New Hope	-----	
Evergreen	-----	G. W. Rockhold-----Jonesboro, La.
Evergreen	-----	
Antioch	-----	
Summerseat	-----	
Evergreen (2)	-----	
Grayson	-----	I. L. Yeager-----Monroe, La.
Grayson	-----	Associate-----South Lee Ave.
Shiloh	-----	Mrs. Bessie Kendrick Olla, La.
Kelly	-----	
Sardis	-----	
Heflin	-----	W. F. Ragsdale-----Simsboro, La.
Hicks	-----	J. R. Strozier-----Montgomery, La.
Mt. Zion	-----	
Hollens Chapel	-----	
Cooley	-----	
Jena	-----	E. W. Corley-----Jena, La.
Jena	-----	
Belah	-----	
French Fork Mission	-----	
Jonesboro	-----	E. M. Perdue-----Atlanta, Texas
Jonesboro	-----	
Center Point	-----	
Knights Bluff	-----	W. W. Harris-----Fouke, Ark.
Lewis	-----	G. J. L. Brown-----Ball, La.
Lewis Chapel	-----	
Pleasant Hill	-----	
Damascus	-----	
Luna	-----	R. M. Walker-----Chatham, La.
Luna	-----	
Walnut Grove	-----	
Pine Grove	-----	
Monroe Station	-----	J. C. Hearn-----Monroe, La.
Mt. Nebo	-----	J. B. Blackburn-----Monroe, La.
Mt. Nebo	-----	
Bethel	-----	
Mt. Pleasant	-----	Unsupplied-----
Oil City	-----	Morris Lee-----Atlanta, Texas
Pollock	-----	F. L. Shows-----Pollock, La.
Pollock	-----	
Dry Prong	-----	
Ussery Chapel	-----	
Springhill	-----	Unsupplied-----
Strickland	-----	G. A. McVey-----Ball, La.
Barrons Chapel	-----	
Clear Creek	-----	
Ball	-----	
Bethel	-----	
Sunrise	-----	W. F. Ragsdale-----Simsboro, La.
Sunrise	-----	
Brazeals Chapel	-----	
Urania	-----	M. E. Perdue-----Atlanta, Texas
Urania	-----	
Courtland	-----	

Terrys Chapel-----		
Zoar-----	W. S. Dunn-----	Clark, La.
Black River Mission-----	J. H. Lewis-----	Winnfield, La.
Center Point Mission-----	Unsupplied-----	
Concord Mission (Robts.)-----	Morris Lee-----	Atlanta, Texas
Morehouse Mission-----	J. N. Nugent-----	Winnfield, La., R. F. D.

#### Superannuates

W. M. Platt-----		Monroe, La.
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#### Honorary Member

Rev. Mrs. L. M. Paul-----		Jena, La.
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#### Evangelists

Lula Wardlow-----		Montgomery, La.
W. L. Davis-----		Winnfield, La.
J. F. Reid-----		Winnfield, La.
J. A. Riley-----		Trout, La.
W. T. Waller-----		Dodson, La.

#### Missionaries

J. A. Holt-----		Atlanta, Texas
H. H. Cantley-----		Atlanta, Texas
Rescue Missionary and Agent of Home of the Good Samaritan		
J. R. Downs-----		Monroe, La.

#### In College

L. A. Boddie-----		Tehuacana, Texas
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#### Without Appointment

J. F. Hearn	J. H. Combs
O. W. Stewart	J. M. Strozier
J. A. D. Williams	Mrs. Ola Ramsay
H. E. LaCroix	W. P. Fowler
Sarah A. Brady	W. G. Fussell
R. H. Hearn	J. W. Lee
C. H. Bissel	F. L. Hearn

#### New Century Service Commission

E. O. Hearn, chairman-----		Chatham, La.
F. Lyman Shows-----		Pollock, La.
E. M. Mouser-----		Grayson, La.
F. G. Wardlow-----		Montgomery, La.
Mollie Stewart-----		Pollock, La.
J. W. McKeithen-----		Grayson, La.

#### APPORTIONMENTS

Charge—	President's Salary	Annual Conference	General Conference	West. College
Ansley -----	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 40.00
Antioch -----	20.00	20.00	80.00	8.00
Arcadia -----	75.00	75.00	300.00	30.00
Bentley -----	30.00	30.00	120.00	12.00
Chatham -----	60.00	60.00	240.00	24.00
Dodson -----	45.00	45.00	180.00	18.00
Evergreen -----	50.00	50.00	200.00	20.00
Grayson -----	140.00	140.00	560.00	56.00
Heflin -----	15.00	15.00	60.00	6.00
Hicks -----	50.00	50.00	200.00	20.00
Jena -----	55.00	55.00	220.00	22.00
Jonesboro -----	40.00	40.00	160.00	16.00
Lewis -----	35.00	35.00	140.00	14.00



Luna -----	30.00	30.00	120.00	12.00
Monroe -----	75.00	75.00	300.00	30.00
Mt. ebo -----	40.00	40.00	160.00	16.00
Mt. Pleasant -----	15.00	15.00	60.00	6.00
Oil City -----	10.00	10.00	40.00	4.00
Pollock -----	45.00	45.00	180.00	18.00
Queen City -----	45.00	45.00	180.00	18.00
Knights Bluff -----	15.00	15.00	60.00	6.00
Spring Hill -----	20.00	20.00	80.00	8.00
Strickland -----	75.00	75.00	300.00	30.00
Sunrise -----	25.00	25.00	100.00	10.00
Urania -----	40.00	40.00	160.00	16.00
West Carrol -----	25.00	25.00	100.00	10.00
Zoar -----	15.00	15.00	60.00	6.00
Center Point Mission --	15.00	15.00	60.00	6.00
Morehouse Mission ---	15.00	15.00	60.00	6.00
Black River Mission ---	15.00	15.00	60.00	6.00
Concord (Roberts), Miss.	15.00	15.00	60.00	6.00
Totals -----	<u>\$1250.00</u>	<u>\$1250.00</u>	<u>\$5000.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>

**Louisiana Conference**  
**BOARD OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK**  
**Members of the Board**

Rev. F. Lyman Shows, President    Rev. Ira L. Yeager  
Rev. Jas. R. Strozier, V.-President    Rev. J. W. Lee  
Miss Mollie Stewart, Sec.-Treas.    Rev. E. W. Corley

During the session of Conference, after the general election of officers, the Young People's Board held a meeting in order to perfect their own organization, to outline plans for the year, and to form certain resolutions to present to the Conference. Brother Gibbs, of the General Educational Board, representing Brother Little, personally assisted the board in thus shaping up their work, and there was much evidence of confidence and enthusiasm as they face a new year. Two new members come to the board this year, elected by the Conference. Bro. E. W. Corley and Bro. I. L. Yeager.

The Conference granted the Board the Friday evening hour for a special Young People's Service. Brother Gibbs and Dr. McMillan brought helpful and enthusiastic messages. The Young People's phase of the New Century Service was emphasized and illuminated. This was a fine service and was well attended.

The following resolution was read to the Conference and was adopted:

Realizing the importance of greater preparation, also greater efficiency, on the part of our church leaders, we, the Board of Young People's Work of the Louisiana Conference, wish to submit the following recommendations for your approval:

1st. That each pastor and church leader co-operate with the Board in the organizing and promoting of Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor Societies and other organizations working for the best development of our youth.

2nd. That another Leadership Training School, similar to the one held last June at Pollock, be held in the Conference during the coming summer, and that all churches and young people's organizations send representatives to take courses in said school.

3rd. That the place of the school be centrally located in the Conference, and the place be decided upon by this Conference now in session if possible. The date to be fixed later by the General Board.

4th. That in order to help promote the work in the Conference, each Sunday School and each C. E. Society (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) pay to the treasurer of the Board two cents per member, or a minimum of one dollar for each organization.

5th. That the pastors and church leaders take advantage of the opportunities offered for training through the circulating library reading courses and literature, etc., offered through correspondence by the Department of Religious Education. (Particulars can be had by addressing Box 722, College Station, Durham, N. C.).

SIGNED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

**Louisiana Branch**  
**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

**Officers**

President, Miss Mollye Stewart, Pollock, La.  
First Vice-President, Mrs. E. M. Mouser, Grayson, La.  
Second Vice-President, Mrs. Oscar Durden, Monroe, La., Moter R. A.  
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. O. McKeithen, Grayson, La.  
Recording Secretary, Miss Willie Walker, Pollock, La.  
Treasurer, Mrs. LaGrone, Ansley, La.  
Auditor, Mrs. A. Wells, Grayson, La.  
Recording Agent, Mrs. J. R. Strozier, Montgomery, La.  
Secretary Missionary Education, Mrs. Ed. Hageman, Ansley, La.  
Secretary Scholarships and Workers, Mrs. T. F. Seiler, Grayson, La.  
Secretary Literature, Mrs. R. L. Norman, Ansley, La.  
Secretary Thank-Offerings, Mrs. O. W. Stewart, Pollock, La.  
Secretary Young People's Work, Mrs. N. F. Jones, Trout, La.  
Secretary Christian Education, Mrs. T. O. Hart, Bentley, La.  
Secretary Spiritual Life, Mrs. Charles McCartney, Urania, La.  
Secretary Temperance, Mrs. T. L. Cowser, Athens, La.  
Secretary Benevolence, Mrs. A. L. Ingram, Monroe, La., 508 South Fourth street.  
Secretary Life, Memorial and Perpetual Members, Mrs. Joe G. Smith, Minden, La., R. F. D.

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The Fifth Annual Session of the Louisiana Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society met at the Conference seat Saturday, November 3, 1928, 9 o'clock a. m.

After devotional services, the president gave her address, giving a review of the work for the past year, and also making her official report of the Central Board meetings of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, and the decisions of the General Conference with reference to the merger of the Mission Boards.

Reports were next heard from the different officers of the branch, following which the representatives reported for their respective Auxiliaries.

After an informal discussion of the work, the propositions handed down by the General Board were taken up and considered. They were passed upon favorably.

The date of the annual meeting was changed from November to April.

A committee was appointed to draft resolutions to present to the Annual Conference.

After election of officers, the meeting adjourned, to convene next at Grayson, La.

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The following resolutions were read before the Annual Conference and adopted by that body:

With the New Program before us, and the responsibility of the Missionary Work on the part of the women of the church, we, the Louisiana Branch of the Woman's Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, wish to submit the following recommendations for your approval:

First, that each pastor co-operate with the Branch in the organizing of auxiliaries in all of our churches, and to educate our people in mission work through Mission Study Classes in the C. E. Societies and Sunday Schools. We urge that they preach on missions through the

year and at revival meetings and lead our young people to consecrate their lives for home and foreign work.

Second, we suggest that pastors make use of the Circulating Library, the Reading Courses, etc., offered by our Department of Religious Education, Box 722, College Station, Durham, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. M. MOUSER,  
MRS. T. F. SEILER,  
MRS. J. W. McKEITHEN,  
MRS. W. O. McKEITHEN,  
Committee.



## BY-LAWS

Section 1. No delegates shall be entitled to a seat in the Annual Conference without proper credentials, or other satisfactory evidence of his election; and in case of alternate, the certificate shall so express it.

Section 2. Delegates to the Annual Conference shall be elected from the members in good standing and in full membership, over the age of fifteen years. In circuits, stations and missions, it shall be the duty of the Steward to designate the time and place and give notice of the election. The election shall be held under the direction of the stewards; and they shall act as judges of the election, and cause the same to be returned to the Fourth Quarterly Conference, there to be compiled and consolidated. The person or persons receiving a plurality vote shall be declared duly elected delegate or delegates, and next highest shall be declared alternate or alternates, and receive certificates accordingly; provided that in the case of a tie, member of Quarterly Conference, by a majority vote shall decide; and provided further, that in case the delegate and alternate elected from any work are providentially hindered from attending the Annual Conference to which they were elected, then the pastor in charge shall have the right to appoint a suitable person to represent the work in the Conference. That no one, especially the men, shall be allowed to vote for delegate who does not contribute regularly for the support of the pastor, and the claims of the General Annual Conference.

Section 3. No person shall be elected to orders, except they be persons of exceptional moral character, genuine piety, respectable attainment, and sound in the belief of the fundamental doctrine of Christianity, and faithful in the discharge of Gospel duties.

Section 4. No minister in good health shall be left without ministerial work for more than one year; at the end of which time he shall resume his itinerate labors, or be transferred to the unstationed list, and if so transferred shall receive a certificate of his standing. This rule shall apply to any minister so transferred provided he, at his own request, may locate by vote of the conference.

Section 5. No minister or preacher appointed to a circuit, station or mission, shall cease from labors assigned him by the stationing authority until his term of service shall have expired, except by consent of the President, for reason, by him deemed expedient.

Section 6. The President shall furnish each pastor with a condensed blank PASTOR'S report at least 10 days prior to the opening of each session of the Annual Conference, that each pastor may give a disciplinary report of his labors, that the report be handed to the chairman on pastor's reports immediately after the opening of the Conference on the first day, and that as soon as passed upon by committee and Conference said report shall be delivered to Conference Steward for his action, then to the Statistical Secretary for final disposition. Should any pastor fail to comply with this rule, for the first offense he shall be reprimanded by the President, and for the second offense shall be located by a majority vote of the Conference. That the evangelists and Conference missionaries read their report to the Conference. We recommend that when the President visits a pastoral charge that he first converse freely with the pastor as to the spiritual and financial condition of the charge, and that he insist on a strict obedience of the vows made when uniting with the church.

Section 7. The Board of Stewards of each charge shall, soon after the adjournment of the Annual Conference, meet and in connection

with the pastor proportion the assessment made by the fourth Quarterly conference for the support of the pastor. The proportion to be made to each class according to ability and willingness to pay, and that the stewards see that the same is paid promptly, and in connection with Section 7 we recommend that each steward keep a non-effective roll, noting those that are able and do not contribute to the support of the pastor, the president and to the general interest of the church, and that the stewards notify the pastor of the number of members that do not help support the church.

Section 8. On all subjects involving the financial interest of the church, no one shall be entitled to a vote, except those who are eighteen years of age, and are contributing members in full membership.

Section 9. Any member twenty-one years of age, and in good standing and in full membership for one year, is eligible to any office in the church, and as a delegate to the Annual Conference; provided, that where a church, circuit, station or mission, has no member of said age, they may place in office in the church, or elect as delegate to the Annual Conference such as are not twenty-one years of age and such as have not been members one year.

Section 10. Due notice shall be given previous to any action to be taken that involves the financial interest of the church.

Section 11. The term of office of Conference Steward shall be one year.

Section 12. The Conference Steward shall be required to receive and hold all moneys collected for the various benevolent purposes from the different charges, also Conference collections.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the Conference Steward to settle all incidental expenses of the Conference out of the Conference collections during the session, and present the remainder to the Conference for disbursement.

Section 14. He shall pay over to the different boards, or persons authorized to receive same, all money received for the various benevolent purposes, taking receipt and at which and other business in his hands shall make a proper exhibit to the Conference during the session at which he was appointed, also at the expiration of his term of office.

Section 15. At the first quarterly Conference of each Conference year the pastor shall call attention to the amount of the assessment made by the fourth quarterly Conference, for his support during the year. Immediately after each quarterly Conference the pastor shall call the attention of each class to the amount of his salary that is unpaid, and in case the pastor neglects to do this, the steward will not be held responsible if the full amount is not paid. In connection with Section 15, we recommend that at the fourth quarterly Conference of each year that a circuit steward be elected whose duty it shall be to collect the general and Conference claims, and forward same as soon as collected to the Conference Steward, and that the Conference Steward credit same to the charge from which it came, and notify the pastor of the amount received and how appropriated. And that the pastor keep a record of same for his final report.

Section 16. There shall be appointed at each session of the Annual Conference a minister or preacher to preach an opening sermon at the sitting of the next annual session.

Section 17. The proceedings of the Annual Conference shall be recorded by the Secretary, and properly arranged for printing in the annual minutes, for which he shall receive reasonable compensation, and the minutes shall be signed by the President and Secretary.

Section 18. The Secretary shall take charge of all books, journals, records and proceedings of Conference and transmit the same to the Conference at its next session.

Section 19. The President shall be the stationing authority of the Conference, calling to his aid as council one layman from each work represented.

Section 20. In stationing the ministers and preachers there shall not be given to any one appointment, who in the opinion of a majority of the members, is incompetent for the duties thereof, or who they believe will neglect the appointments, and such ministers and preachers may be transferred by conference to the unstationed list; provided that no minister or preacher who, in the judgment of the conference, is entitled to a superannuated relationship, shall be transferred.

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Section 22. That the President, Secretary, Conference Steward and Standing District Committee shall be elected at 3:00 o'clock p. m. on the first day of each annual session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Section 23. These by-laws can only be changed, altered or amended by giving one day's notice in open Conference of such change, alteration or amendment, and it will require a two-thirds vote of the members belonging to that session of the Conference.

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### RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. The Conference shall be opened promptly on the day and time appointed, the President conducting the Devotional Services. The roll shall then be called, after which the President shall read the Annual Report.

Section 2. During the morning of the second day of Conference all ministers and preachers under appointment of this Conference shall hand their reports to the Committee on Pastors' Reports.

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Section 4. All motions and resolutions shall be written, if the President and Secretary request.

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Section 6. All motions to postpone or lay on the table shall be taken without debate.

Section 7. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adopting or rejecting, unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which are placed, namely: First, indefinite postponement; second, laying on the table; third, referred to a committee; fourth, postponement to a given time; fifth, substitute; sixth, amendment. A substitute may be amended.

Section 8. When any member is about to speak in debate or to deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall arise and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

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question or uses personalities, or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, and any member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

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90.00	700.45	-----	-----	77.11	178.00	15.00	-----	153.40	74.
-----	600.00	-----	-----	-----	25.00	-----	18.65	-----	103.
-----	175.00	-----	-----	25.00	98.93	24.65	3.50	-----	25.
-----	406.20	-----	-----	-----	124.55	-----	-----	200.00	49.
-----	538.51	-----	-----	-----	15.00	48.40	-----	-----	56.
-----	300.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	12.
150.00	997.50	-----	180.00	-----	350.00	300.00	45.00	20.80	145.
100.00	533.25	-----	361.00	-----	120.00	25.00	5.01	-----	50.
-----	102.00	-----	69.00	-----	25.00	-----	-----	-----	10.
180.00	1,100.00	-----	225.00	-----	150.00	25.00	-----	-----	60.
120.00	300.00	-----	-----	-----	45.00	25.00	-----	-----	13.
-----	62.50	-----	-----	-----	22.00	10.00	-----	14.50	8.
-----	252.40	-----	-----	-----	50.00	25.00	-----	-----	14.
420.00	750.00	-----	-----	-----	256.61	151.75	7.75	325.00	50.
-----	313.90	-----	-----	-----	100.00	10.00	-----	-----	48.
-----	21.40	-----	-----	-----	-----	15.00	-----	-----	8.
-----	200.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
150.00	100.00	-----	20.00	-----	25.00	45.00	3.50	-----	15.
-----	252.00	-----	300.00	-----	100.00	22.00	-----	-----	56.
-----	112.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2.
-----	72.62	-----	-----	-----	7.00	8.00	-----	-----	10.
-----	112.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	8.
-----	640.00	-----	30.00	-----	-----	140.00	60.00	-----	64.
-----	40.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	24.
-----	340.00	-----	-----	-----	100.00	35.97	-----	-----	40.
-----	300.00	1,150.00	-----	-----	8.00	60.00	21.50	274.30	25.
-----	70.15	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	7.
-----	95.55	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	35.
\$,210.00	\$9,097.43	\$1,150.00	\$1,185.00	\$102.11	\$1,800.09	\$984.77	\$184.91	\$116.20	\$1,018.

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Arcadia	B. F. Griffin	625.00	90.00	700.45			77.11	178.00	15.00		153.40	74.00			15.50	30.60						1,334.06
Ansley	J. C. Hearne	600.00		600.00				25.00		18.65		103.50	18.75	12.50	125.00						125.00	1,122.65
Bentley	F. Lyman Shows	175.00		175.00			25.00	98.93	24.65	3.50		25.00							9.00			361.08
Chatham	Ira L. Yeager	425.00		406.20				124.55			200.00	49.05				7.50					19.16	804.46
Dodson	F. Lyman Shows	590.00		538.51				15.00	48.40			56.40			3.00	5.13	2.50	3.98				672.92
Evergreen	I. A. Patton	190.00		300.00								12.40										312.40
Grayson	E. M. Mouser	1,100.00	150.00	997.50		180.00		350.00	300.00	45.00	20.80	145.00			125.00					125.00		2,465.50
Hicks	James R. Strozier	440.00	100.00	533.25		361.00		120.00	25.00	5.01		50.87			10.80	8.00		2.50			5.00	1,230.43
Heflin	W. F. Ragsdale	100.00		102.00		69.00		25.00				10.53										204.53
Jena	E. W. Corley	1,000.00	180.00	1,100.00		225.00		150.00	25.00			60.00			7.00							1,727.00
Jonesboro	Mrs. M. E. Perdue	300.00	120.00	300.00				45.00	25.00			13.75										408.75
Luna	Mrs. S. A. Brady	60.00		62.50				22.00	10.00		14.50	8.65							31.98			149.63
Lewis	G. J. L. Brown	350.00		252.40				50.00	25.00			14.50										341.90
Monroe	J. B. Blackburn	900.00	420.00	750.00				256.61	151.75	7.75	325.00	50.00	10.00	5.00		6.00	5.00	8.00	11.50		15.00	2,019.61
Mt. Nebo	Ira L. Yeager	250.00		313.90				100.00	10.00			48.90									19.10	491.00
Mt. Pleasant	J. F. Hearne			21.40					15.00			8.22										44.62
Oil City	I. A. Patton	240		200.00																		200.00
Pollock	O. W. Stewart		150.00	100.00		20.00		25.00	45.00	3.50		15.00			8.75					40.00	8.75	416.00
Queen City	M. E. Perdue, W. W. Harris	275.00		252.00		300.00		100.00	22.00			56.00										730.00
Rice	R. M. Walker	100.00		112.00								2.00									3.00	117.00
Robert's Mission	Morris Lee	75.00		72.62				7.00	8.00			8.50										98.37
Spring Hill	J. C. Hearne	150.00		112.00								10.75										120.50
Strickland	G. A. McVay	600.00		640.00		30.00			140.00	60.00		64.40					12.92				30.00	977.32
Sunrise	J. R. Downs			40.00								24.00										64.00
Urania	M. E. Perdue	340.00		340.00				100.00	35.97			40.00			24.00							539.97
Zoar	E. M. Mouser	300.00		300.00	1,150.00			8.00	60.00	21.50	274.30	25.00			12.50						12.50	1,803.80
Antioch	J. F. Hearne	75.00		70.15								7.86										78.01
				95.55								35.60										131.15
		\$9,560.00	\$1,210.00	\$9,097.43	\$1,150.00	\$1,185.00	\$102.11	\$1,800.09	\$984.77	\$184.91	\$116.20	\$1,018.97	\$28.75	\$17.50	\$331.55	\$57.23	\$20.42	\$14.48	\$52.48	\$40.00	\$362.51	\$18,968.66

President	Raised for Church Extension	Raised for Superannuates	Raised for Other Annual Conference Interests	Raised for Home Missions (Easter Offering, etc.)	Raised for Foreign Missions (Children's Day)	Raised for Education (Rally Day, etc.)	Raised by W. H. M. Society	Raised by W. F. M. Society	Raised for Other General Conf. Interests	Total Amount Raised
00	-----	-----	15.50	30.60	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,334.06
50	18.75	12.50	125.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	125.00	1,122.65
00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	9.00	-----	-----	361.08
05	-----	-----	-----	7.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	19.16	804.46
40	-----	-----	3.00	5.13	2.50	3.98	-----	-----	-----	672.92
40	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	312.40
00	-----	-----	125.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	125.00	2,465.50
87	-----	-----	10.80	8.00	-----	2.50	-----	-----	5.00	1,230.43
53	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	204.53
00	-----	-----	7.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,727.00
75	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	408.75
65	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	31.98	-----	-----	149.63
50	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	341.90
00	10.00	5.00	-----	6.00	5.00	8.00	11.50	-----	15.00	2,019.61
00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	19.10	491.00
22	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	44.62
00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	200.00
00	-----	-----	8.75	-----	-----	-----	-----	40.00	8.75	416.00
00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	730.00
00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3.00	117.00
75	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	98.37
50	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	120.50
40	-----	-----	-----	-----	12.92	-----	-----	-----	30.00	977.32
00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	64.00
00	-----	-----	24.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	539.97
00	-----	-----	12.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	12.50	1,803.80
86	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	78.01
60	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	131.15
97	\$28.75	\$17.50	\$331.55	\$57.23	\$20.42	\$14.48	\$52.48	\$40.00	\$362.51	\$18,968.66



### **"THE PEOPLE CALLED METHODISTS"**

"Under the influence of apostolic purity, the early victories of the cross were as decisive in the reformation of the individual character and public manners, as they were unparalleled in extent and power. But the gradual departure from primitive simplicity and the immense accumulation of corruption in heart and life which followed, by slow degrees destroyed the power of the church to act as a reforming agent, and that long, dark night of a thousand years, which closed in upon her spiritual vision, was a night of corruption. When the (Lutheran) Reformation dawned, it showed the most revolting spectacles of vice, pervading all classes, from the obscure monk to the haughty prelate in the pretended chair of St. Peter. Honest minds were alarmed at the revelation; and as the noble men who led the movement humbled themselves before God, 'renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully,' they began to acquire the power to benefit the human race, which had been lost by apostacy; and just in proportion to their purity they became actual and successful reformers. The history of that great work of God which commenced through their instrumentality, extends to every land on the face of the earth, and on into eternity. . . .

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TABLE OF MEMBERSHIP AND PROPERTY

CHARGE	PASTOR	Number of Appointments	Members Reported Last Year	Number of Additions	Number Removed	Present Membership	Number of Professions	Number of Baptisms	Number of S. S.	Number of Officers and Teachers	Number of Scholars	Number of C. E. Societies	Number of Members	Number of Missionary Societies	Number of Members	Number of Ladies' Aids	Number of Members	Number of Church Buildings	Value of Churches	Debt on Churches	Insurance on Churches	Number of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Debt on Parsonages	Insurance on Parsonages	Value of Other Church Property
Arcadia	B. F. Griffin	4	132	3	3	192	---	1	1	5	45	---	2	35	2	30	3	3,500.00	-----	1,000.00	1	1,500.00	-----	1,000.00	-----	
Ansley	J. C. Hearne	1	155	---	2	153	---	---	1	8	40	1	28	1	10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Bentley	F. Lyman Shows	1	50	---	2	58	---	---	1	7	43	1	42	1	12	---	---	1	1,500.00	50.00	1,000.00	---	---	---	---	
Chatham	Ira L. Yeager	2	162	17	---	179	7	8	1	5	64	1	40	---	---	1	25	2	3,000.00	-----	---	1	1,500.00	-----	---	
Dodson	F. Lyman Shows	3	177	3	6	174	5	---	2	11	105	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	3,500.00	-----	---	---	---	---	---	
Evergreen	I. A. Patton	44	206	5	---	211	15	10	1	5	30	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1,000.00	-----	---	1	1,000.00	-----	---	
Grayson	E. M. Mouser	4	246	9	---	255	25	8	2	16	147	2	76	2	26	2	38	4	5,000.00	-----	1,000.00	1	2,000.00	360.00	1,000.00	800.00
Hicks	James R. Strozier	3	190	35	4	221	45	27	1	7	90	1	68	---	---	---	---	3	4,500.00	-----	---	1	1,200.00	-----	---	
Heflin	W. F. Ragsdale	1	33	2	---	35	10	2	1	5	40	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1,000.00	-----	700.00	---	---	---	---	
Jena	E. W. Corley	4	227	5	2	230	40	4	4	20	150	---	1	15	---	---	---	4	5,000.00	200.00	---	---	---	---	---	
Jonesboro	M. E. Perdue	2	85	2	2	85	---	2	2	8	70	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	2,000.00	-----	---	1	1,500.00	-----	---	
Luna	S. A. Brady	1	40	---	---	40	12	---	1	4	32	---	---	1	12	1	12	1	1,000.00	-----	---	---	---	---	---	
Lewis	G. J. L. Brown	4	77	16	---	93	---	---	2	6	65	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	2,500.00	-----	---	---	---	---	---	
Monroe	J. B. Blackburn	1	39	18	6	51	12	8	1	9	95	1	16	1	7	1	10	1	7,500.00	10.50	4,000.00	1	3,500.00	-----	2,000.00	---
Mt. Nebo	Ira L. Yeager	2	117	15	---	132	7	8	1	5	50	1	40	---	---	---	---	2	2,500.00	-----	---	---	---	---	---	
Mt. Pleasant	J. F. Hearne	1	60	1	1	60	---	---	1	4	30	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1,000.00	-----	---	---	---	---	---	
Oil City	G. A. Patton	1	17	3	---	20	15	3	1	5	45	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Pollock	O. W. Stewart	1	97	---	1	96	---	---	1	7	50	1	15	1	15	---	---	1	3,000.00	-----	---	1	1,500.00	-----	---	300.00
Queen City	M. E. Perdue, W. W. Harris	4	244	2	---	246	30	2	3	9	70	1	15	1	15	---	---	3	3,800.00	-----	---	---	---	---	---	
Rice	R. M. Walker	2	60	3	---	63	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	800.00	-----	---	---	---	---	---	
Robert's Mission	Morris Lee	1	56	19	2	73	35	19	1	4	40	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Spring Hill	J. C. Hearne	1	45	4	2	47	12	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1,000.00	-----	---	---	---	---	---	
Strickland	G. A. McVay	4	375	32	2	405	40	29	4	28	200	1	75	---	---	---	---	4	3,000.00	-----	---	1	700.00	-----	---	
Sunrise	J. R. Downs	2	50	---	---	50	---	---	1	5	60	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	600.00	-----	---	---	---	---	---	
Urania	M. E. Perdue	1	72	16	---	88	---	16	1	9	70	---	---	1	10	---	---	1	3,000.00	-----	---	---	---	---	250.00	
West Carroll	E. M. Mouser	1	64	9	---	73	18	8	1	6	75	1	45	---	---	1	12	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Zora	W. S. Dunn	1	54	1	1	54	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Antioch	J. F. Hearne	1	32	---	---	32	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1,000.00	-----	---	---	---	---	---	
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### **"THE PEOPLE CALLED METHODISTS"**

"Under the influence of apostolic purity, the early victories of the cross were as decisive in the reformation of the individual character and public manners, as they were unparalleled in extent and power. But the gradual departure from primitive simplicity and the immense accumulation of corruption in heart and life which followed, by slow degrees destroyed the power of the church to act as a reforming agent, and that long, dark night of a thousand years, which closed in upon her spiritual vision, was a night of corruption. When the (Lutheran) Reformation dawned, it showed the most revolting spectacles of vice, pervading all classes, from the obscure monk to the haughty prelate in the pretended chair of St. Peter. Honest minds were alarmed at the revelation; and as the noble men who led the movement humbled themselves before God, 'renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully,' they began to acquire the power to benefit the human race, which had been lost by apostacy; and just in proportion to their purity they became actual and successful reformers. The history of that great work of God which commenced through their instrumentality, extends to every land on the face of the earth, and on into eternity. . . .

"The Wesleyan reformation was eminently a movement in favor of holiness. The true doctrine of Christian Perfection was perhaps more clearly taught and powerfully enforced than at any former time since the days of primitive purity. And while the great mass of converts made it their aim, large numbers pressed on to the actual experience and living demonstration of the power of Christ to cleanse from all sin. And mark the result: 'No weapon formed against them could prevail.' From the feeblest beginnings, without wealth, without power, in the midst of the most violent persecutions, they have moved on in a career of usefulness unparalleled since the days of the apostles."—From Jesse T. Peck, D. D., in "The Central Idea of Christianity" (1857).



## DENOMINATIONAL NEW CENTURY SERVICE

1. Our new slogan for the \$500,000 budget is—"New Century Service."

2. The office at 516 N. Charles street, Baltimore, Maryland, is prepared to assist pastors and churches in making their plans, furnishing postors, literature, speakers, and the like.

3. We want the Annual Conference to raise up a "New Century Service Commission" of three or five embers who will have charge of the promotional activities within the conference and who will co-operate with the general office. We shall through this Commission work along these lines:

a. Ask each church to establish a "New Century Service Commission" with three departments, or committees, the pastor of the church being the chairman: Educational Committee, Stewardship Committee, Finance Committee. This Commission is to be appointed by the quarterly conference and is to work under its supervision.

b. The creation of a Woman's Auxiliary in every church which shall put itself behind the entire "New Century Service" program of the church.

c. A Survey of the conference which shall reveal the actual financial conditions and responses of the churches, and charts through which each church's record may be made clear.

d. The holding of a series of group or district meetings after the conference as soon as possible in order to bring actively and in detail further provisions and implications of this program.

Admittedly, this program is not final. It is, however, a very definite step toward a fuller realization of our task and has in it a certain promise. To this end the conference is asked to adopt this procedure that we may make it uniform throughout the church. And further, this office pledges itself to the most loyal service.

Submitted at the direction of the Executive Committee.

JAMES H. STRAUGHN,  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer.